

Clearing Remnant and Odd Lot Sale To-Day

The first Friday after Xmas is given over to the quick selling of all short ends, odd lots, broken sizes and left-overs from fall and Christmas stocks.

The stocks have undergone our careful inspection—and hundreds of bargains result. Experience has taught us that it is best to cut the prices deep for a quick and decisive clearance.

Every department in the store contributes to this event. All merchandise is of unusually good quality, the low prices resulting from our desire to close out odd lots and broken assortments.

You may not be able to buy quantities in any one lot, but you can save a HALF or more on your purchases.

An event fraught with savings. Come early to-day and secure the best of the quick clearance values.

Supply Your Needs at this Clearing Remnant and Odd Lot Sale.

Miller & Rhoads Our Mail Order Service is Prompt.

SEEK TO SECURE CONTROL OF ROAD TEST PLAN FOR FLUSHING MAINS

Syndicate Alleges Agreement Was Made With Purchasers of Norfolk and Southern.

Seeking an injunction to delay completion of the sale of the Norfolk and Southern Railway properties, attorneys representing the Vanddyke-Zell syndicate, of Philadelphia, yesterday appeared before Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr. in the United States Circuit Court. A petition, setting forth an alleged agreement between the reorganization committee and the syndicate, was asked to be filed. The alleged agreement, which the reorganization committee now refuses to recognize, was made January 19, 1909.

The injunction asked would restrain the purchasers of the road—the reorganization committee—from carrying out any other plan than is set forth in the alleged agreement, under which Frank D. Zell and J. W. Vanddyke and three associates would take complete control of all the properties and assets of the road. The syndicate proposes to issue \$15,000,000 in mortgage bonds, \$14,000,000 of which are to bear interest for five years, and \$1,000,000 of which are to remain in the treasury of the company.

The plan also embodies an agreement to issue \$15,000,000 worth of stock, of which \$5,000,000 goes to the bondholders, and the rest to the syndicate. A sinking fund is provided for. Alleged irregularities in the agreement, which is said to have been entered into by George C. Clark and Sylvanus L. Schoomaker, of the reorganization committee, and Vanddyke and Zell, for the syndicate, are the basis of the petition.

The sale of the road at \$58,000,000, took place in Norfolk, December 7. The reorganization committee is represented in the litigation by Thos. L. Crutcher, Jr. and R. B. Hoff, of New York, and R. B. Hoff, Jr., of Norfolk. Tazewell Taylor and R. T. Thorp, of Norfolk, and Thomas Leaming, of Philadelphia, are attorneys for the syndicate. Harry K. Walcott, of Norfolk, one of the rescuers of the Norfolk and Southern, attended the hearing yesterday. The reorganization committee is composed of R. B. Hoff, of Providence, R. I., and George C. Clark, John L. Westbury, O. Thorne, and S. L. Schoomaker, of New York.

PLEADS FOR HUSBAND

Mr. Eva Kouch asks Justice Crutcher to let him go back home with her. With tears in her eyes Mrs. Eva Kouch, 317 North Eleventh street, pleaded with Justice Crutcher yesterday morning to let her husband go home with her. She had pleaded against him, John Kouch, in "too much drunk" the night before. Aligned irregularities in the agreement, which is said to have been entered into by George C. Clark and Sylvanus L. Schoomaker, of the reorganization committee, and Vanddyke and Zell, for the syndicate, are the basis of the petition.

The case of John Scott (colored), charged with robbing a field hand, Daniel Hoff, was continued to January 6, and he was bailed in the sum of \$500. Richard Wafer (colored) was placed under a warrant for twelve months for having assaulted James Robinson. Katherine Page (colored) was fined \$25 on a charge of running an objectionable restaurant.

WATER PIPES FROZEN

Men Thaw Them Out With Burning Straw and Save Burning House. By burning straw beneath and around the frozen pipes, the men saved the house from a fire at 1819 Venable street, where water pipes had been the original cause of the trouble. The property is owned by Mrs. James Mc... and is occupied by G. P. Higgins. The pipes on the premises had frozen, and a member of the family was taking them out with a fire hose when the trouble occurred.

RANGE EXPLODES

Farmer and Two Daughters Injured by Flying Pieces at an Early Hour. North Boulevard, exploded yesterday morning, and besides badly damaging the property, killed a cow and injured a farmer and two daughters. Misses Alice and Nannie, by flying pieces of iron. None of the injuries was severe. The kitchen was partially wrecked. The accident is said to have been due to a gas leak in the boiler of the range.

YORK'S ROMANCE HAS SUDDEN END

Dead-Wagon Driver Who Married in Poorhouse Leaves His Bride There.

SEEKS BED FROM POLICE

First Job in Fifty Years Gone, Unique Character Sleeps Behind Bars.

Born in the City Almshouse, brought up in the City Almshouse, driver of the "dead" wagon in the same institution, and a summer resident in the county almshouse, where lately he took out himself Mary West as his bride, the only man in Virginia who was born, bred and married in an almshouse, entered the First Police Station last night and asked for a night's lodging.

He pleaded that the man who had offered him a job after his marriage had reneged, and that he was thus thrown forth upon a cold and cruel world, defenseless and alone, save for his faithful spouse. It was a cold world, too, last night, and John York shivered in his boots as he entered the station.

Sergeant Holderoff knew him, and he knew that it was cold outside, so he referred John York to the rear parlor for the night. John took it and retired with words of gratitude. He had several bunk mates, but they did not make any difference. They all complained in misery and in cold, and had a long men sleep warmer than he.

Left Her in Almshouse.

John left the county almshouse yesterday, leaving his wife behind, because it was not permissible for them to live together in that institution of charity. He said that he had lost the first job given him, but that another had been offered. A real estate agent, he said, has offered him a house on the Ninth Mile Road on time (the time not specified), and a furniture dealer has offered to furnish the house on the same terms. With the terms John seemed satisfied. It is supposed that the real estate agent and the furniture dealer are also satisfied, though John York did not say so.

York says he comes of a good family. Maybe he is a descendant of the famous House of York. It is a long descent, says John York, who is a descendant of a family of almshouses. John York is prepared to strike out for himself and Mrs. York. He is nearing the mark of fifty years, but fifty years he regards as a trifle if only he can get another wagon to drive. This time "it will be a 'live' wagon, and John is going to drive it for the honor and support of his family.

SANTA CLAUS AT Y. M. C. A.

Patron Saint of Holidays Visits Children of Railroad Men. Santa Claus, armed with a bag of toys and a pile of coal, visited the Railroad Young Men's Christian Association yesterday afternoon. There were gathered a large number of the wives and children of railroad men who run out of Richmond. There was music and moving pictures during the wait for the patron saint of the holidays. Tomorrow afternoon the children will again be entertained with moving pictures, and to-morrow night there will be a moving picture entertainment for the grown people, with a special series of films. There will be special music and refreshments.

INCREASE STALL RENT

New Schedule Increases Income from Markets by \$500. The Council Committee on Markets last night directed the clerk to advertise for bids for constructing the stalls for the new vegetable market to be placed under the Blues Armory, possession of which is expected March 1.

The committee adopted a new schedule of rates of rental for the stalls in the First Market, slightly in excess of last year. A similar schedule already has been adopted for the Second Market, and the statement was made that the total increase in revenue would amount to about \$500 a year.



MUST NOT HUNT GAME IN SNOW

Secretary Christian Calls Attention to Provisions of State Game Laws. Major Langdon T. Christian, secretary of the Game Protective Association of Virginia, called attention last night to the fact that the hunting season for many varieties of game has expired, and the further fact that it is unlawful to hunt any game in the snow. Major Christian said:

"It is still lawful, however, to shoot pheasants, quail and turkeys east of the Blue Ridge, but it is contrary to law to hunt any game in snow. That feature of the law should be rigidly enforced, not only by the officers of the law, but also by all good citizens. Farmers and others interested in game protection should, during the cold weather, assist in preserving the birds by feeding them, and also pay attention to the hawks and minks, which are the greatest enemies to quail. In the grown-up portions of the State minks and foxes are becoming more numerous, and means should be employed to destroy them."

REVISE TEXT-BOOK

Representatives Named from Three Virginia Medical Colleges. Dr. Roeder W. Miller, professor of chemistry in the University College of Medicine; Dr. Frank M. Reade, professor of materia medica in the Medical College of Virginia; and Dr. John Staine Davis, professor of materia medica at the University of Virginia, have been appointed to revise the United States Pharmacopoeia Convention to be held in Washington City May 15, 1910. Meetings of the association have been held each ten years since its formation in 1850. It has for its object the decennial revision of the standards of medicine, keeping constantly abreast of the progress of medical science, the United States Pharmacopoeia, a standard text-book of materia medica and therapeutics used by physicians and drugists.

DAMAGE TO TELEPHONE CABLE

Due to the breaking of one of the city water mains on North Ninth Street early yesterday morning one of the mainstays of the Bell Telephone Company at the corner of Ninth and Main Streets was ruined, thereby putting out of commission about twenty lines of the company. The telephone company has been making some changes in its cables at that point for the past several days, and as the lead covering to the cable had been removed, the small wires were damaged by the water to such an extent that they failed to operate. The damage was at once repaired, and by 6 o'clock in the evening all the telephones were in service again.

BIGGEST YEAR FOR CUSTOM HOUSE

Richmond Is Now Ranked as One of Country's Great Importing Centres.

GROWTH IN FIFTEEN YEARS

Appeal From Chamber of Commerce Is Responsible for Activity Among Merchants.

From an insignificant port, hardly reckoned among the great water markets in the United States in 1892, Richmond has grown as a commercial centre, as will be strikingly shown by figures prepared by Collector of Customs Joseph B. Stewart, of Port Richmond, in the year Mr. Stewart has been in charge of the department. The collections have increased with a rapidity seldom, if ever, surpassed by any other city. The year ending to-night has been the most prosperous collected by the collector in large measure to the Chamber of Commerce, which first appreciated the great benefits that would accrue if local merchants dealt with foreign importers, rather than secure their merchandise through brokerage firms in New York and other large cities. The Chamber of Commerce, in order to produce the activity which has flourished beyond expectations, appealed to the wholesalers and retailers with the result that there are few firms in Richmond that do not secure their imported stock directly from the country of its production.

How Imports Have Grown.

In 1892, when Charles M. Wallace was collector of customs, the total receipts for the year were \$10,018,32, and thousands of dollars in brokerage fees were being paid by Richmond merchants to firms in larger cities. But after a year's supervision by funds collected from Southern merchants, who did not at that time, realize the enormous benefits that would be received by dealing direct with foreign shippers.

The figures in the last seven years have increased with a marked regularity, the actual amount in dollars and cents has been nothing so wonderful as is shown by a comparison of receipts for 1899 and 1909. In the former year the duties collected in 1899, and after Mr. Bethel's death, in 1901, Mr. Stewart was appointed to the position, which he fills in connection with his duties as custodian of the Federal building.

Shows Remarkable Increase.

"Ports of call in the United States have shown the growth that this port has," said Mr. Stewart yesterday. "The cost of collection to the government is extremely low, there being only three deputies employed here and at the subject of West Point. For several years past the government has maintained a warehouse here for the accommodation of patrons, and this has greatly facilitated the handling of imports, and has encouraged business men to secure imports direct."

"The merchandise arrives by the Old Dominion steamship lines and in bonded cars. It is almost impossible for any foreign ship to come up James River, consequently these bonded routes are absolute necessities. If the port of Richmond is to flourish and take its stand among the other cities of the country, the growth of Port Richmond is considered more remarkable because it is an inland port, and lacks the advantages of a seaport city."

Compared With Other Ports.

Statistical records published recently by the Secretary of the Treasury show that Richmond collects twice as much duty as Norfolk, which has the advantages of excellent wharfage facilities—three times as much as Charleston, S. C., twenty times as much as Chattanooga, and twice as much as Memphis, Galveston, Texas, collects three times what Richmond does, but that port embraces a territory several times larger.

Imports received here come from nearly every country in the world, and embrace the following classes of merchandise: Cotton, linens, burlaps, whiskeys, wines, mineral waters, garden and clover seeds, paper, tobacco, woolens, woodenware, china, glassware, salt, tea, leather goods, mats, mattings, silks, hats of straw and felt, toys and optical goods.

Watch-Night Services.

Watch-night services will be held in the Methodist churches to-night as follows: Centenary, 11 P. M.; by Rev. B. M. Chandler; Trinity, 11 P. M.; by Rev. F. M. Hatcher, D. D.; Central, Manchester, by Rev. J. M. Rowland. The B. V. U. of Tabernacle Baptist Church will hold services to-night between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock.

Historical Society Change of Date.

Through inadvertence the date chosen for the annual meeting of the Virginia Historical Society was that which for many years has been the annual meeting of the A. P. V. A. The Historical Society will change its date a few days, and as soon as Mr. Tyler, who is not now in Williamsburg, can be communicated with, the exact date for the Historical Society meeting will be fixed.

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CRY ABOUT ALUM WHEN NONE'S USED

Not One Grain Dropped Into Water From New Settling Basin.

TON A DAY SIMPLY MYTH

Chairman Mills Suggests Faith Cure as Means of Subduing That Epidemic.

Superintendent Davis, of the Water Department, let the cat out of the bag yesterday by stating that thus far absolutely no alum has been used to clear the water now being pumped from the Settling Basin. "The 'ton a day' about which there has been some complaint, is still in the storeroom at the basin. No water which has passed through the clarifying plant has been delivered to the consumer. Chairman Mills says that those affected by the sudden strange epidemic 'caused by alum in the water' should try faith cure, for no alum has been used."

Color From Pulp Mill.

The basins were put into commission on December 22, at which time both of the great upper settling ponds were filled with fairly clear water, taken in while the river itself was clear. Nurseries and waterworks without the use of any chemical whatever, have been sufficient to deliver to the pumps a sufficient supply of clear water, which has been tested daily in the chemical laboratory, and which does not more than show a faint trace of the Albarum and Goochland mud, but which has a faint tinge of color shown by chemical analysis made at different points along the river to be directly due to the effect of the waste from the Covington pulp mills, more than 200 miles above the city.

While the pollution from those mills is deposited, and the examinations show uncontaminated water a few miles below them, the river never loses its faint claret tinge in all the miles it rumbles over granite ledges.

Use Alum After Freshets.

When the thaw comes and the snows of the country melt, the river, and the freshets bring the mud and silt, and the use of the upper or sedimentation basins will not be sufficient, and then it is expected to cut in the lower concrete ponds, into the water of which is projected by a mechanical appliance not more than 20 miles above the city, the gaily. According to demonstrations already made, this use of alum causes a coagulation of the particles of mud in suspension in the water, and alum and mud alike go to the bottom.

Before the settling basin plan was adopted, Professor J. H. Mallet, of the University of Virginia, conducted a series of demonstrations with one of the twin basins of the New Reservoir, in which he stored water for more than six weeks, taking analyses from day to day, on the basis of which series of tests the plans for the Richmond settling basins were adopted. Dr. Mallet was later employed by the United States government as consulting chemist in building a system of settling basins designed to clear river water for Washington city, which plan is now in operation.

Can Take Out Claret Tinge.

Tests show that where the alum used continuously, the water being given both sedimentation and coagulation treatment, even the faint claret tinge from the pulp mills can be eradicated, the lower basins having been filled with clear water, and the water coming from any spring. Because of the cost, however, it is proposed for the present only to use the coagulating plant in times of extremely muddy water, following freshets.

Meanwhile, when the reservoir and main have been swept clear of the mud of years, an opportunity will be given to demonstrate just how clear water can be furnished by mere sedimentation, without the use of any alum. Where the alum is used Chief Health Officer Levy is on record to the effect that there can be no danger.

No Danger, Says Levy.

Even should the two grains of alum not be precipitated, but come on through to the consumer, he is of the opinion that a hard water drinker would not take into his system in a week as much as is contained in the average baking powder biscuit. The danger of alum is not in its use, but in its use in a comparatively harmless chemical, is believed by the health officials to have been largely fomented and built up by the systematic advertising of rival baking powders, which have widely boasted that they "used no alum."

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday by Deputy Clerk Brenden, of the Hustings Court, to Weston W. Seward, of Baltimore, Md., and Edith A. Tompkins, of Norfolk, and to William V. Wade, and to John Harrison Manning, of James City county, and Helena Lewis Harlan.

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EVENING CLOTHES

The right materials made up into Full Dress and Tuxedo Suits, the workmanship and fit of which would do credit to the best of merchant tailors. Evening Vests, Linen, Gloves, Hats, etc., all of the correct kinds.

Gans-Rady Company

EARNED \$2,000,000 IN FIVE MONTHS SHAKES OFF DEATH IN FRAPPED CAR

Chesapeake and Ohio Shows Big Gain Over Corresponding Period Last Year. Tramp Almost Froze, but Goes to Police Station for Food and Heat.

Two million dollars has been earned by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway from July 1 to November 30, 1909, in excess of the earnings for the same period in 1908. The net earnings aggregate nearly \$2,000,000 more than at the same time one year ago.

From July 1 to the close of earnings have been \$13,149,266.99, against \$11,147,327.60, an increase of \$2,001,939.39. The expenses for this period amounted to \$7,722,132.53, while last year they were \$6,708,334.40, the increase being \$1,013,848.13. This makes the net earnings larger by \$988,095.69, having been \$5,427,082.36 in 1909 and \$4,438,982.20 in 1908.

For the month of November the gross earnings were \$2,857,437.78, as against \$2,118,133.16 last year, showing an increase of \$739,304.62. The expenses for the month were \$1,175,113.37, while for November, 1908, they were \$1,312,321.98, the increase being \$232,539.35. Net earnings for the month were \$1,682,324.41, and for the same month last year \$775,311.18, making an increase of \$907,013.23.

NEW INCINERATOR READY

Will Make Careful Tests of New Garbage-Destroying Plant.

Superintendent Henry Cohn reported to the Council Committee on Street Cleaning last night that the new incinerator, erected at the corner of West and Marshall Streets, will be ready for tests about January 10. The new plant is guaranteed to burn fifty tons of garbage in twenty-four hours, and the committee directed the superintendent to accumulate a sufficient pile of garbage to give the new plant an actual test. The superintendent was authorized to have electric wires, water and gas pipes put in, and to have water connections canvassed the funds of the department in some detail, and finding that all bills were paid, he was authorized to have the property of the city, a subcommittee was named to purchase mules to the amount of the funds available.

JUDGE GRINNAN IMPROVES

Is Still Seriously Ill, but Is Expected to Recover.

Judge Daniel Grinnan, who was operated on at the Memorial Hospital, Wednesday, is said to be slightly improved last night, although he is said to be dangerously ill. He rested quietly yesterday, but is still very weak and low in vitality. Many members of the local bar and judges of all the city courts were callers at the hospital yesterday. It is hoped that he will recover unless he suffers a relapse, which is considered improbable.

Bank Purchases Home.

The Broad Street Bank has bought the building, in which it has made its home, on the north side of Broad Street near Sixth, since it first opened its doors for business. The price paid for the property was near the \$40,000 mark, and the transfer will be made within a few days. Extensive improvements will be made in the building, and the upper floors will be remodelled so as to be suitable for offices.

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Married in Washington.

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